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FOR AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE JOHN C. WEST FROM DCM HUME HORAN

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TAGS: OVIP (WEST, JOHN C)
SUBJ: ARRIVAL OF GOVERNOR AND MRS WEST IN JIDDA

REF: DCM HORAN'S MAY 11 LETTER TO AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE

INTRODUCTION: WE BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING OUTLINE AND SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTIVITIES MAY BE USEFUL AMBASSADOR AND MRS WEST IN PREPARING FOR THEIR ARRIVAL IN SAUDI ARABIA. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE HOPES TO ARRIVE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1. WE REALIZE THAT HE WILL BE CONFIRMING WITH THE POST HIS EVENTUAL, FIRM ETA; IT IS ONLY FOR PURPOSES OF ILLUSTRATION THAT WE POSIT THE FLIGHT NUMBER AND ETA GIVEN BELOW. WE EMPHASIZE THAT ITEMS ON PROGRAM ARE ONLY SUGGESTIONS AND CAN BE MODIFIED OR DROPPED AS AMBASSADOR WISHES, IN MOST CASES EVEN AFTER ARRIVAL IN JIDDA.

ITINERARY PROPOSALS FOLLOW:

1. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 -- 1455 (LOCAL): ARRIVAL AT JIDDA
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM CAIRO VIA SV 148. AMBASSADOR
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AND MRS WEST WILL BE MET PLANESIDE BY FORMIN CHIEF OF
PROTOCOL AMBASSADOR SALEM SONBOL AND DCM HUNE HORAN. SONBOL
SPEAKS ENGLISH. EMBASSY EXPEDITER WILL BE ON HAND TO RECEIVE
PASSPORTS, LUGGAGE CHECKS, ETC. AMBASSADOR AND MRS WEST,
AMBASSADOR SONBOL, AND DCM WILL THEN PROCEED BY AIRPORT
LINOUSINE TO VIP LOUNGE WHERE SENIOR EMBASSY OFFICERS (AND
THEIR WIVES IF AT POST) WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WESTS.

2. SONBOL PREFERS THAT ARRIVAL CEREMONY BE CONFINED TO THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE AMBASSADOR'S STAFF. ACCORDINGLY, THOSE PRESENT WILL INCLUDE NEW DCM MARSHALL WILEY; CPAO/SPECIAL ASSISTANT, ISA K. SABBAGH; COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, M. GORDON DANIELS; COUNSELOR FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, JOSEPH O. EBLAN; COUNSELOR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS, CHESTER F. POLLEY, JR.; COUNSELOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, NICHOLAS M. MURPHY; DEFENSE ATTACHE, COLONEL WALTER P. HAYES; FIRST SECRETARY, GEORGE CAGE; AND REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER, RUSSELL T. JAGERS.

3. AMBASSADOR SONBOL WILL REITERATE HIS WELCOME TO SAUDI ARABIA AND DEPART. THEREAFTER, AMBASSADOR AND MRS WEST MAY PROCEED TO EMBASSY. FOREIGN MINISTRY DOES NOT RPT NOT OFFER TEA OR COFFEE IN VIP LOUNGE ON SUCH OCCASIONS. AN EMBASSY PHOTOGRAPHER WILL RECORD AMBASSADOR AND MRS WEST'S ARRIVAL FOR THEIR PERSONAL RECOLLECTION. (LOCAL PRESS BY MFA PREFERENCE DOES NOT COVER AMBASSADORIAL ARRIVALS.)

4. 1520: DCM AND MRS HORAN WILL ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR AND MRS WEST TO EMBASSY COMPOUND. (SAUDI SECURITY FOLLOW CAR ALWAYS ACCOMPANIES AMBASSADOR'S SEDAN WHENEVER OFF EMBASSY COMPOUND.)

5. 1545: ARRIVAL AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, EMBASSY COMPOUND.

6. 1930: DCM AND MRS HORAN WOULD BE HAPPY IF AMBASSADOR AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MRS WEST COULD JOIN THEM FOR A FAMILY DINNER THAT EVENING.

7. THURSDAY, JUNE 2 (HOLIDAY, "LOCAL SATURDAY"): AMBASSADOR AND MRS WEST MAY WISH TO TOUR THE COMPOUND (MANY LOCAL EMPLOYEES WILL BE WORKING); A TOUR OF JIDDA AND THE PORT AREA COULD ALSO BE ARRANGED.

8. FRIDAY, JUNE 3 (THE LOCAL "SUNDAY"): A VIEW OF OFF-SHORE JIDDA VIA THE AMBASSADOR'S LAUNCH COULD PROVIDE AN INTERESTING VIEW OF THE TOWN (AND SOME EXCELLENT SWIMMING AND OBSERVATION OF RED SEA LIFE).

9. ALTERNATIVELY, AMBASSADOR AND MRS WEST MAY PREFER TO RELAX AT HOME, SWIM IN EMBASSY POOL; DUNES CLUB FACILITIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

10. SATURDAY, JUNE 4: UNDER SAUDI PROTOCOL THE EMBASSY IS TO CALL AMBASSADOR SONBOL AT OPENING OF BUSINESS TO REQUEST A MINISTRY APPOINTMENT FOR THE AMBASSADOR TO PRESENT

TO FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD AL-FAISAL A COPY OF
LETTER OF CREDENCE, AND LETTER OF RECALL OF PREDECESSOR.
PRINCE SAUD IS OFTEN IN RIYADH, HOWEVER, AND MAY DEPUTIZE
SONBOL TO ACT IN HIS PLACE. THE AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE LOCAL PAPERS.

1. ON JUNE 4 ALSO, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL REQUEST
FROM ROYAL PROTOCOL AN AUDIENCE WITH KING KHALID BIN ABDUL
AZIZ FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS.
THIS USUALLY TAKES PLACE WITHIN TWO OR THREE WEEKS OF AN
AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL AT POST. THE KING IS EXPECTED TO
SPEND MOST OF THE SUMMER IN TAIF (A THREE-HOURS DRIVE FROM
JIDDA), BUT HE WILL PROBABLY STILL BE IN RIYADH IN LATE JUNE.
(PENDING RECEIPT OF AGREEMENT WE HAVE NOT SOUGHT SONBOL'S
SPECIFIC COUNSEL. AFTERWARDS WE WILL DO SO, BUT EXPECT THERE
WILL BE FEW IF ANY CHANGES ON THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN
THIS MESSAGE.)

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12. 1930 -- EMBASSY RECEPTION: DCM AND MRS HORAN WOULD
BE HAPPY TO GIVE A RECEPTION AT THEIR RESIDENCE TO PRESENT
OTHER AMERICAN EMBASSY AND USG OFFICIALS AND THEIR WIVES

TO AMBASSADOR AND MRS WEST. ALSO INCLUDED COULD BE DHAHRAN'S CONSUL GENERAL AND MRS BOB BUSHNELL, FIRST SECRETARY AND MRS EDWARD (SKIP) GNEHM, (EMBASSY'S RIYADH LIAISON OFFICE), AND FEW OF THE MOST SENIOR LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND THEIR WIVES. (MR WILEY IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO U.S. FOR CONSULTATION JUNE 4).

13. SUNDAY, JUNE 5: DHAHRAN CONSUL GENERAL AND MRS ROBERT BUSHNELL WOULD WISH TO CALL ON AMBASSADOR AND MRS WEST. CONSUL GENERAL BUSHNELL WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS.

14. MONDAY, JUNE 6: CALL ON AMBASSADOR BY US MILITARY TRAINING MISSION CHIEF, MAJOR GENERAL JAMES AMMAN (RESIDENT IN DHAHRAN), AND SENIOR US MILITARY OFFICERS IN COUNTRY. THESE WOULD INCLUDE BRIGADIER GENERAL RICHARD WELLS, COMMANDER, CORPS OF ENGINEERS' MEDITERRANEAN DIVISION; BRIGADIER GENERAL RICHARD LAWRENCE (RESIDENT IN RIYADH), LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMANDER, US TRAINING DETACHMENT TO SAUDI ARABIAN NATIONAL GUARD (SANG). BRIEFINGS COULD ALSO BE PROVIDED OF LATEST MILITARY AND POLITICAL/MILITARY ISSUES. IN THIS CASE AMBASSADOR MAY ALSO WISH TO HAVE EMBASSY'S POLITICAL/MILITARY OFFICER, JESSE LEWIS AND DEFENSE ATTACHE, COL WALTER HAYES ATTEND.

15. ACTIVITY PRIOR TO PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS: (A) AMBASSADOR WEST WOULD BE WELCOME TO VISIT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AT ANY TIME ON BUSINESS PRIOR TO PRESENTATION OF HIS CREDENTIALS. OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES OF AN EXTERIOR NATURE WITH OTHER SAUDI OFFICES, PRIVATE SAUDI CITIZENS, OR -- IN GENERAL -- THE FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY SHOULD BE AVOIDED. IN POINT OF FACT, THE BRITISH OR CANADIAN AMBASSADOR MIGHT INVITE AMBASSADOR AND MRS WEST FOR A QUIET FAMILY DINNER OR FOR DRINKS. SUCH INTIMATE, FAMILY-TYPE INVITATIONS HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN ACCEPTED. (B) AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY: THE AMBASSADOR MIGHT WISH TO GIVE A DINNER OR DINNERS FOR LEADERS OF THE US BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THEIR WIVES SOMETIME AFTER HIS ARRIVAL AND BEFORE PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS. THE MAJORITY WOULD BE FROM JIDDA, BUT SOME OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS MIGHT INCLUDE ARAMCO BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR & MRS FRANK JUNGERS; ARAMCO PRESIDENT AND MRS BROCK POWERS; NORTHROP GENERAL MANAGER AND MRS BEN COLLINS (ALL DHAHRAN); LOCKHEED VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS DORM VIERS (RIYADH); AND FNCB'S VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS RICHARD CUSAK (RIYADH).

16. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS: THE DAY BEFORE THE CREDENTIALS CEREMONY, THE AMBASSADOR AND APPROXIMATELY HALF A DOZEN OTHER SENIOR STAFF ARE FLOWN AS GUESTS OF THE SAG

TO WHERE THE KING AND HIS COURT ARE LOCATED. DARK BUSINESS
SUT. AMBASSADOR SONBOL WILL DESCRIBE THE PROCEDURE. A
SUMMARY OF IT WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ANY CASE AS PART OF BRIEF-
ING MATERIALS. NO SPEECH OR EXTENDED REMARKS ARE MADE WHEN
PRESENTING CREDENTIALS TO KING. AMBASSADOR AND KING HAVE
SOME TIME SET ASIDE AFTERWARDS FOR PRIVATE TETE-A-TETE (5-
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10 MINUTES IS USUAL).
MRS WEST WILL NOT ACCOMPANY THE AMBASSADOR TO RIYADH ON
THE DAY OF THE CREDENTIAL CEREMONY. AFTER THE AMBASSADOR HAS
PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS, HOWEVER, IF MRS WEST DESIRES, THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ROYAL PROTOCOL WILL SEEK TO ARRANGE
CALLS ON QUEEN SEETA, THE WIFE OF KING KHALID, AND QUEEN IFFAT,
WIDOW OF THE LATE KING FAISAL. MRS WEST MAY TAKE ONE
OR TWO COMPANIONS ON SUCH CALLS. FORMIN PRINCE SAUD'S
WIFE DOES NOT ORDINARILY RECEIVE VISITORS. (MRS SABBAGH
HAS EXCEPTIONALLY WIDE AND GOOD RELATIONS WITH PROMINENT
SAUDI AND ARAB FAMILIES.)

17. OTHER CALLS: A LIST OF PROPOSED CALLS ON FELLOW
AMBASSADORS AND SAUDI OFFICIALS AND DIGNITARIES WILL BE
PROVIDED AMBASSADOR WEST UPON ARRIVAL. A SIMILAR LIST OF WIVES
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MRS WEST'S CONSIDERATION.

18. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AMBASSADOR'S
VIEWS ON THESE PROPOSALS, AND ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS OR
ADVISE HE AND MRS WEST MAY HAVE. IF AMBASSADOR AND MRS
WEST WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR DAUGHTER, OR BY AMBASSADOR'S
SECRETARY, APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE TO SCHEDULE.
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